

# Camping



Welcome

The National Park Service operates five campgrounds at Amistad National Recreation Area: Rough Canyon, 277 North, San Pedro, Governors Landing, and Spur 406. Campgrounds are primitive and do not have RV hookups.

Campsite Facilities

Campsites are open year round on a first-come, first-served basis, no reservations. Pay stations are located at each campground. Senior and Access Pass holders pay half-price.

Campgrounds have vault toilets. Sites have picnic tables, grills, and shade ramadas.

Camp hosts may be on-site during winter months.

Camp-grounds

ROUGH CANYON

- 4 sites suitable for RVs and tents
- Beautiful views of the Devils River
- \$4 per night per site

277 NORTH

- 17 sites suitable for RVs and tents
- Boat ramp nearby
- \$4 per night per site

SAN PEDRO


- 35 sites suitable for RVs and tents
- 5 “tent only” sites available
- Short entrance road is graded gravel
- \$4 per night per site

GOVERNORS LANDING

- 15 sites, suitable for tents or RVs under 28 ft.
- Potable water; not available for hook-up
- \$8 per night per site

SPUR 406

- 6 sites suitable for RVs and tents
- Secluded
- \$4 per night per site



Things to Know

An RV dump station with potable water is located along the road to the Diablo East boat ramp.

Ground fires are **PROHIBITED**. Use established grills or camp stoves. Gathering dead and down wood is permitted, but is very limited.

Showers and full hookups are available at nearby private RV parks along US Highway 90 and near Rough Canyon. Go to [www.drchamber.com](http://www.drchamber.com) or call 830.775.3551 for more information.

Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am. Loud or intrusive noise is prohibited at all times.

Stay limit per campground is 14 days with a park maximum of 60 days per 12 month period.

Group Sites

Three group campsites are available: Rock Quarry, San Pedro, and 277 North. Group site are available **BY RESERVATION ONLY** no more than 180 days in advance for 15 persons or more.

Reservations should be made in person at the Amistad Visitor Information Center, or by phoning 830.775.7491.

Group sites are \$2 per person per night, with a 15 person minimum charge (no Senior or Access Pass holder discount). Fees must be paid when site is reserved.

All camping regulations apply.

**Group Picnic Sites** are located at San Pedro and Rough Canyon. Reservations required; no fee.

Please Note

Possession and use of loaded firearms, pellet guns, sling shots, archery equipment, fireworks, or other explosives are **PROHIBITED**.

**Natural and Cultural Features** are protected. Do not disturb wildlife, plants, rocks, fossils, or artifacts. Use of metal detectors is prohibited.

Vehicles may only be operated and parked on pavement and established roads; off-road driving is **PROHIBITED**. All vehicles must be street-legal.

Pets are welcome, but must be restrained at all times on a leash 6 feet or less. They may not be left unattended.

# Backcountry Camping and Travel

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Backcountry camping is permitted on the lake waters and shoreline as long as you are more than ¼ mile from a developed area. A developed area, for the purposed of backcountry camping, is defined as being within ¼ mile of a campground, dispersed camping area, picnic area, launch ramp, or public road.

In addition, the entire south shoreline from Amistad dam eastward to the 277 North Highway bridge, with the exception of Hunt Area 5 during the non-hunting season, is considered a developed area.

## Rules and Regulations

- Pack out what you pack in. Dispose of your trash properly. There is no trash pickup by NPS staff at backcountry locations.
- Camping will be limited to a maximum of 60 days within a calendar year.
- The clearing or cutting of brush or other vegetation and leveling of the ground to create a level tent side is not allowed.
- The possession, use and removal after use of portable camp toilets with human waste is highly encouraged.
- Camping within a designated hunt area during the hunting season is prohibited.
- All archeological sites are closed to camping.
- All caves and rockshelters are closed to the public, except for Panther Cave and Parida Cave.
- Pets must be restrained at all times on a leash no longer than 6 feet long.
- Ground fires are only allowed in existing fire rings or in fire pans at least 2 inches high.
- You are encouraged to pack out human waste and toilet paper and dispose of it properly.
- To backcountry camp you must be at least 1/4 mile from a developed area (see definition above).
- Camp at least 100 feet from any springs.
- The use of firearms in the park is prohibited. All wildlife is protected by federal law.
- Do on feed the wildlife.
- The cutting of wood for firewood is not allowed. Dead and downed wood may be used.
- The use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- Additional regulations apply, and are available for viewing on our park website:  
[www.nps.gov/amis/parkmgmt/alwsandpolicies.htm](http://www.nps.gov/amis/parkmgmt/alwsandpolicies.htm)

## Human Waste

Park visitors are encouraged to carry out all solid human waste and toilet paper from backcountry areas of the park with a commercially produced spill-proof and trash-container safe waste bag system (such as Restop2 or Wag Bag), or with a dump-station compatible waste system. Backcountry campers are encouraged to possess a personal waste system Day-use boaters are encouraged to carry them as well

available or home-made portable toilet seats or buckets make bay systems much easier to use but are not required.

These rules were made to maintain visitor health and safety, preserve water quality, and to reduce other environmental impacts. Please help us protect your park!

Personal waste bag systems may be purchased at the NPS Visitor Information Center and may be disposed of in the trash cans at the boat ramps. Commercially



## Leave No Trace

When traveling in the backcountry of Amistad remember to follow the principles of “leave no trace”. It is your responsibility to make good decisions so that the land you are visiting is not impaired for future generations.

- Principles of Lave No Trace.
1. Plan ahead and prepare.
  2. Pack out your trash. Don not bury it.
  3. Dispose of waste properly.
  4. Leave your campsite cleaner then you found it.
  5. Minimize campfire impacts.
  6. Respect the wildlife
  7. Be considerate of other visitors.

Follow the philosophy,  
*“Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints”.*

